

Washington-In an effort to improve public transportation in the Southland, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (CA-39) announced today that she secured \$200,000 to improve the “Easy Rider” transit system in the city of Paramount. Sánchez secured the funds through the Transportation Appropriations bill that passed the House of Representatives today by a vote of 392-31 and is expected to be signed by the President.

“I am very pleased to have secured these funds to improve the transit system in Paramount,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “As we encourage more people to use public transportation, it is important that public transportation not only be appealing but environmentally friendly,” concluded Sánchez.

The funds Sánchez secured will help purchase a new clean-air, natural-gas burning bus for the “Easy Rider” transit system in Paramount. Most of the riders of the Easy Rider program are senior citizens and students that use the transportation regularly. The new bus will be able to accommodate 30 passengers and include a wheelchair lift for disabled riders. At the same time, the bus will improve air quality in our community by replacing an existing diesel powered bus.

“We appreciate the Congresswoman’s help and all the efforts she has made of the city’s behalf,” said Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez. “Paramount’s Easy Rider shuttle system is a great, low-cost service for many of our residents who need to get around town or connect to larger transit networks. By providing federal funds to replace an old vehicle with a new, clean-fuel burning shuttle, Congresswoman Sánchez is helping our community in a variety of ways—enhancing this important service, improving rider comfort and being environmentally aware,” concluded Mayor Martinez.